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Dear Sir:

## RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.